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SCH. BENJ. A. SMITH BRINGS FIRST TRIP FROM CAPE SHORE

Has Fare of 40 Barrels of Salt Mackerel and Reports Prospects Poor.

Continuous Bad Weather and Fog Has Bothered Seining Fleet.

The mackerel situation remains unchanged, there being no direct news from either direction, although one vessel, sch. Benjamin A. Smith, has arrived from the Cape Shore with 40 barrels of salt mackerel.

Capt. Corkum who commands the vessel, intended to go direct to the Block Island ground, but met with an accident yesterday, breaking the fore-gaff and tearing the foresail, and came in here to make repairs.

Capt. Corkum does not bring any other news than what has already been learned. The weather he says, down there this spring, was very rough and bad for fishing. Continuous strong easterly winds and dense fog prevailed most of the time, making it impossible to fish.

When he left the Cape Shore the fleet were scattered from Canso to Scatterie. Some of them had taken a few fish but not what might be called a fair trip and others had not taken a fish.

Schs. Colonial and Lena and Maud arrived at Canso, Thursday last and schs. Ralph L. Hall, Arcadia, Monarch, Emily Cooney, Terra Nova, Nellie Dixon, Morning Star and Moanani, all of the seining fleet, sailed from there on the same date.

Cape Shore Fishery a Practical Failure

Up to the time he left, the Cape Shore mackerel fishery might be called an entire failure. In fact the shore fishermen down there had done nothing of any consequence and it was only in some places they had taken any fish in their nets.

The steamer from Yarmouth, N. S., at Boston, yesterday, had among her cargo, 20 barrels of mackerel which is

conclusive that the shore fishermen down there are not finding any mackerel. This in itself is evidence that the body of fish have passed Scatterie and into the gulf, where they are beyond capture by the seiners for the time being.

Another week will close the mackerel fishing on the Cape Shore so far as purse seining is concerned, and it is hoped and expected that the fish will again make their appearance in North Bay. Should this be the case, doubtless a number of the seiners will go down there if mackerel do not appear upon this shore, but there are some who have studied the situation from an experience standpoint and who predict a good school of fish off the New England coast this summer.

Since Monday last the Halifax Cold Storage Company has received about 10,000 fish from the shore fishermen, which retailed for 20 cents apiece at Halifax.

Weather Bothers the Netters Off Newport.

At Newport today there are five or six netters with small catches from 100 to 300 mackerel. Since Saturday, the weather out that way, as here, has been stormy and the netters remained in port, so it is not known at this time what the prospects are out there.

Seiner at This Port.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Cape Shore, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Lafayette, 5600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Margaret, 200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Sylvester, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Bessie, 200 fresh mackerel.

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BOSTON PRICES GO HIGHER.

Continued Light Fish Receipts at That Port.

Receipts of fish at Boston today are of a light order and in consequence prices have reached a maximum and show an increase over Saturday. One fare of 22,000 pounds of halibut will help relieve the situation in this one particular community which is quoted at 10 10 1-2 cents per pound.

About all the arrivals with exception of sch. Manhasset are from the shore grounds and their fares are small and insufficient to supply the demand.

It looks as if the days of small price when haddock sold for less than one cent are over for this season, however, for they will bring more than that for smoking.

Boston commission men expected liberal consignments by steamer from Yarmouth, N. S., sufficient to relieve existing conditions, but invoices of all kinds of fresh fish yesterday were about the smallest this season.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Teazer, 15,000 salt cod, 15,000 hake, 15,000 cusk, 22,000 halibut.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

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Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Laura Enos, 1200 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Marion, 3000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Etta B., 5000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 8000 haddock, 7000 cod, 18,000 hake.
Sch. Maud F., Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Thalia, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. C. A. Dyer, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 haddock, 100 pollock, 800 halibut.
Sch. Alcina, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod, 200 pollock.
Sch. Manhasset, 120,000 cod, 60,000 salt cod.
Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; pollock, \$3.75; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2.50.

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Diamond in Codfish.

Stanley T. Kodder, of West Brewster, while cleaning a codfish which he bought from a local fish dealer, found in the fish a diamond ring which he roughly estimated to be worth \$50.

Kodder declares the ring must have been inside the fish for two or three years, because it had turned partly black. The ring had engraved in fancy lettering on the inside, "K. D. O., 1904."

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PRICES CONTINUE HIGH AT BOSTON

Fresh Fish Receipts Too Small to Supply Demand.

The receipts of fish at Boston today are very light and prices continue firm, with an upward tendency. So light are the receipts that dealers have some difficulty in filling orders, for the supply the past week has been insufficient to go around.

The vessels there today are mostly shore boats, and their fares are of a light order, so that an advance in price is noticeable all along the line.

Since last report two fares of fresh mackerel, aggregating 18,000 in count, have been received at T wharf, which readily sold at 25 to 25 1-2 cents each. Indeed these are unheard of prices at this season, which show the firm state of the market and a demand for this article of food fish.

But all kinds of ground fish can be put in the same catalogue of high price fishery products for the middle men are not getting anything compared to what the consumers want.

It does not look as if there would be any change at Boston for some time to come, as the vessels tending this market are mostly shore boats and with the scarcity of bait, which retards fishing operations, no relief is in sight at the present time.

The large vessels which tend the market in winter have withdrawn from the Boston market some time ago, and engaged in shacking, where they go to Sable Island ground and Quero bank, selling their fares for curing at this port rather than dispose of them at Boston.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lucania, Cape Shore, 8000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Appomatox, 500 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, 500 haddock, 22,000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Harriett, 27,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Gutherie, 2000 cod, 70,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Oriole, 12,000 mackerel, 145 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Genesta, 20,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. C. A. Dyer, 25,000 pollock.
Sch. Quennapowit, 3000 cod, 42,000 hake, 7000 cusk.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 18,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 2500 haddock, 14,500 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$6; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.60; fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each.

Dory Washed Overboard.

Sch. Actor, Capt. Frank B. Rogers, lost her dory on Friday last, with the name of the vessel on the bow, which was washed off the deck about four miles east-southeast of Highland light.

Portland Fishing Arrivals.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, Cape Shore, 5000 fresh mackerel.

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NEW WHALER SAILED.

Brigantine Viola Went to Provincetown This Forenoon.

With burgee flying from the fore topgallant mast and "Old Glory" from the maintopmast, the new whaling brigantine Viola, known in nautical parlance as the "blubber hunter," sailed out of the harbor this forenoon for Provincetown, her home port.

With stately Capt. Cook walking the quarter deck, this noble craft, the production of an old Essex shipbuilder's art, made a handsome appearance, and was a gentle reminder of days long ago, when a fleet of such crafts sailed forth from this harbor to various ports of the world.

All who saw her going out of the harbor, wished Capt. Cook unbounded success, and hoped that he would return at an early date full of grease to the beams.

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CAPE SHORE MACKEREL COMING

Fares at This Port, Boston and Portland Since Yesterday Noon.

Report From Cape Shore Gives Fares of Some of the Fleet.

The second arrival at this port from the Cape Shore of the mackerel seining fleet was this morning when sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, arrived and tied up at her wharf.

Capt. Prior hailed for 106 barrels of salt mackerel which he said he caught in small hauls between Halifax and Canso, the fish were in small schools and the weather was so rough that it was impossible to fish.

The Prior followed the coast from Cape Sable to Scatterie, a distance of 350 miles and it was all the same. Had it not been for the rough weather some good trips would doubtless have been secured. The wind was from the eastward all the time while dense fog and rain prevailed.

Before the forenoon had passed three more of the Cape Shore seining fleet arrived, but only one of them, sch. Ralph L. Hall, had 110 barrels of salt mackerel, while schs. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., and Dauntless unfortunately never got a fish.

Large Schools of Mackerel Found Off-Shore.

The great body of fish did not come in shore, for Capt. George E. Heckman in sch. Slade Gorton had gone off-shore, where he found immense schools of mackerel so large that they could not get the seine around them. Capt. Heckman made several sets, but it was of no avail as the seine would not reach around and only cut through the school and frightened them.

Some of the vessels Capt. Prior said had not taken one fish and it was not because they did not try for everyone down there was eager to get a trip and no better fishermen ever went in pursuit of mackerel.

Schs. Lucania and Oriole at Boston Yesterday Afternoon.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin Welch, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon with 8000 fresh mackerel which were sold at 25½ cents each, but she brought in no salt mackerel. The trip was taken off Goldboro, about 30 miles west of Canso, Wednesday last. The fish were taken in several small hauls.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles Maguire, another of the Cape Shore fleet, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon, hauling for the best trip of the season, 12,000 fresh mackerel and 175 barrels of salt mackerel. So far this is the largest trip reported and will ensure Capt. Maguire and owners a fine stock. This fine fare was caught in the vicinity of Canso and all in small schools.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke Has 5000 Fresh Mackerel at Portland.

At Portland, the arrival of sch. Ellen C. Burke, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley,

is reported with 5000 fresh mackerel, which were soon taken at 25 cents. This was the first arrival at the Maine metropolis this season, and they were quite a surprise to the people of that city.

Netter Hockomock Will Fish For Swordfishing.

Still another mackerel arrival is the little netting sch. Hockomock which came from South to fitout for swordfishing which comprise all that is in the mackerel regime here today.

At Newport there are no arrivals Seiners at Louisburg, C. B., With Their Catches.

The Sydney Post of Thursday last says the following American schooners have been at Louisburg, C. B., for the past few days, showing those which were successful in landing some mackerel and those not so successful:

Sch. Diana, 90 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 60 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Squanto, ballast.
Sch. Pontiac, 60 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Aloha, 20 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, 180 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, 75 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Georgia, 73 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, 110 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Rhodora, 85 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Stiletto, ballast.

Sch. Garton, ballast.
Sch. Preceptor, ballast.

Sch. Lena and Maud, ballast.
Sch. Patrician, ballast.

Sch. Rex, ballast.
Sch. Cynthia, ballast.

Sch. Constitution, ballast.
Sch. Indiana, ballast.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, ballast.
Sch. Shenandoah, ballast.

Sch. Electric Flash, 120 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, 105 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Arthur James, 150 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Oracle, 175 barrels salt mackerel and 150 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Premier, 10 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Natalie Nelson, 105 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, 50 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Clintonia, 100 barrels mackerel.
Sch. Victor, 165 barrels mackerel.

Sch. Francis O'Hara, ballast.
Sch. Dauntless, ballast.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, from bank fishing, with 130,000 fish, caught on banks.

So far out of 34 seiners that entered this port, the total catch only amounts to about 2183 barrels. A number of the above schooners sailed for home this morning, and the rest will follow in a few days.

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FIRST SALES OF SALT MACKEREL OVERTOP ALL

PREVIOUS RECORDS

The first fare of salt mackerel that arrived last spring sold at \$95.8 per barrel which was considered a fair price. The 40 barrels which were landed yesterday from sch. Benjamin A. Smith were not sold and it was the intention of the mackerel buyers to wait until others of the fleet arrived before a price was made. But today breaks all records at this place in the salt mackerel market.

Capt. Elroy Prior of sch. Effie M. Prior who owns a controlling interest in his vessel, did not believe in following in the footsteps of anyone, and so put his fish on the market, for sale. Fred Bradley, a semi-independent buyer, immediately made a bid for Capt. Prior's trip at \$13 per barrel.

First Bid of \$13.50 per Barrel Was Quickly Raised.

This offer almost took the breath from the mackerel operators, for it

was an unheard of price for spring fish which is not of a fat order.

But that price did not remain long and soon advanced to \$14. A further bid by Mr. Bradley put them at \$14.50 and then another raise put \$14.75 but Mr. Bradley was "still on the job" and offered \$15.50.

This increase caused a consultation, and a recess was taken to consider what would be the next move on the market, so a sort of a curb was started and up to near the noon hour, it was still being talked over.

The offer by Mr. Bradley caused quite a sensation among mackerel operators, for no one expected they would be advanced to such price. What the final windup would be at the time could not be ascertained, but after consultation the field was left to Mr. Bradley and the trip knocked down to him at \$15.50 per barrel.

This was quite a surprise to the mackerel buyers for they did not think the price would reach such high figures.

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FISH RECEIPTS MODERATE

Two Fares of Codfish and One Cape Shore Trip.

The receipts of fish at this port today are very moderate, being confined to one shack trip of 120,000 pounds of salt and fresh cod, one vessel via Boston, with 8000 pounds of salt cod, and one of the Cape Shore seining fleet with 106 barrels of salt mackerel. This is all that confront the buyers today and quick disposal will be made of this small lot.

The pollock seiners appear not to find any fish off here, as none of them have arrived the last two days and some think that the school which has been off here so long has deserted the inshore waters of the coast. The larger vessels of this fleet which were fishing on the Rips have not been heard from also, and by their non-arrival it would seem that the fish may have left those shallow waters.

The arrivals and receipts in detail today are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Cape Shore, 106 lbs. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, Cape Shore, via Boston.

Sch. Manhasset, Quero Bank, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

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Details of Disaster to Sch. Massachusetts.

The Sydney, C. B., Post of Wednesday last gives the following details of the recent disaster to sch. Massachusetts:

The Gloucester schooner Massachusetts, commanded by Capt. Malloch, limped into port this morning in a very dismantled condition. Mainsail and topsails torn to ribbons, main boom smashed, main gaff broken into kindling wood, standing rigging gone and both masts snapped short off, she presented a picture of marine distress. The Massachusetts is one of a fleet of about 40 American schooners, which regularly frequent this coast in search of the elusive mackerel. Off Scatterie last night she netted 60 barrels of these fish and she has on board 100 barrels all told. A gale of wind sprang up this morning and it took her full and when she was abreast of Flint Island, carrying both masts overboard and working the hayoc detailed above. The wind was fair astern and under hurriedly rigged jury mast she was enabled to reach the mouth of this harbor, where she was taken in charge by a tug. Capt. Malloch says it was no sudden squall. The wind was stiff, but steady, and there must have been some flaw in the wood of the masts when they yielded so unexpectedly with such disastrous results. The schooner is about 10 years old. Her sister vessel, the Arabia, was close by at the time, ready to render assistance.

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LARGE SALMON.

John M. Dennison has on exhibition in the window of his fish market on Main street a salmon caught at Rangeley Lake, Maine, weighing 51½ pounds.

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Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, Boston.
 Sch. Thalia, Boston.
 Sch. Hockomock, netting.
 Sch. Olive Hutchings, Boston.
 Sch. Dauntless, Cape Shore.
 Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., Cape Shore.
 Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Cape Shore, 110 bbls. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Bessie A., shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.
 Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
 Sch. Harvard, dory handlining.
 Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, seining.
 Sch. Gladys and Sabra, drifting.
 Sch. Azorean, swordfishing.

Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 7½c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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Making Good Stocks.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, which arrived at Boston yesterday with a fresh fish fare, stocked \$1800 on the trip, the men sharing \$55 each. On her previous trip the Spurling stocked \$1400 and the crew shared \$55 each.

Codfish Sales.

The fare of salt and fresh codfish of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley was sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

The fares of schs. Conqueror and Susan and Mary were sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

One trip in port today remains to be disposed of.

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Codfish Sales.

The fare of shack salt and fresh codfish of sch. Manhasset was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company for \$3 1-4 for large and \$3 for medium salt fish, while the fresh fish brought 5 cents over previous sales.

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Newfoundland Fishing Note.

The banker Hispaniola, Captain John Lewis, arrived at Harbor Breton recently from the Grand Banks with 1100 quintals of codfish, the second largest catch for this season. The Excelsa, Capt. John F. Lewis, also arrived at Harbor Breton with 700 quintals, a message to that effect being received by Job Bros. & Co. Both vessels report fish plentiful. They will sail again as soon as discharged and baited.

Sch. Clintonia's Crew Shared \$190.63.

A Lunenburg despatch says that the crew of sch. Clintonia of that port, which recently landed her fish here, shared \$190. 63 on their spring trip.

Seeking Bait.

Schs. Waldo L. Stream of this port and Juno and Selma of Boston were at Portland Monday seeking bait.

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WORK OF THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL COMMENCED IN EARNEST

Opening Argument Begun By Counsel Representing the British Side.

Speech Expected to Occupy Two Weeks in Its Delivery.

The first working session of The Hague Tribunal sitting for the North Atlantic coast fisheries arbitration came on Monday, June 6, the session opening with only usual formality of counsel and spectators rising when the court came in. As previously stated, the British elected to open, and as soon as the members of the tribunal were seated, Sir Robert Finlay, arose and began his presentation of the case for the Crown.

In opening, this noted advocate, who has served Great Britain as attorney-general, and is now king's counsellor, stated that he should comment on from the British viewpoint and review briefly the seven questions which it had been agreed upon by the contracting parties to submit to the arbitration tribunal and then to follow with a statement and resume of certain events, mostly now matters of history, beginning with some French and English treaties of early colonial days, tracing through the treaties of Utrecht, Ghent and others, citing a number of incidents and events, both national and international, and commenting on all of the same briefly as to their relations to any of the questions at issue in the case, down to the present conditions or status.

Counsel for Great Britain Asks Interpretation of the Term Bays.

In his opening, Sir Robert said that from the British contention the view to take of the reading of article one of the treaty of 1818 was, what was the meaning of the wording of the treaty at that time and what did the treaty itself mean? He alluded to the case of the United States as raising far-reaching issues which would affect the relations of all great nations. He asked the tribunal to consider the word "bays" in accordance with the natural meaning of the word; according to what was understood to be the meaning at the time the treaty was made.

In talking on the seven questions submitted to the tribunal he used all the time one of the maps prepared by the United States side and said that it was very clear and showed the situation as per the article one, in fine shape.

Referring to article one of the treaty he said that nothing of a like nature, and so short, had given rise to such long and able discussion. He also laid stress on the statement that the fisheries within the scope of the treaty needed regulation to prevent the use and introduction of methods which would tend to not only deplete the catch but so utterly destroy the fishery and also said that the necessity of this regulation was admitted, at the same time stating strongly that the regulating must be done by England or her colonies of Newfoundland or Canada and that the United States could have no hand in it.

He stated that these remarks would be but preliminary to the detailed statements and arguments he was later to present; that he would at first touch only on the high places, so to speak; the prominent points which stood out from the others.

Argument Brought Up to Treaty of 1818 at Close of First Day.

The morning session opened promptly at 10 and closed at noon, the afternoon session opening at 2 o'clock and closing at 4, and this hour found Sir Robert as far along as certain incidents just previous to the treaty of 1818. It is figured that he will take about two weeks with his presentation in the opening of the case for Great Britain.

He is a very even talker; fluent and

with a voice of little more than conversational volume and perfect enunciation. In opening he approached his subject deliberately and throughout the whole day seldom hurried his remarks, his only gestures being now and then a short, jerky downward movement of either hand, generally the left. Throughout his remarks he made constant reference to the printed cases, counter-cases, arguments and appendices of both sides, and times reading long excerpts from the same and at others, merely reading a few lines and calling the attention of the tribunal to the point which he was to elaborate upon at length in his main argument.

In his remarks and arguments he seemed to neglect or ignore all that was favorable to the United States and brought into the light only those which seemed to the advantage of the British side of the points at issue. His deliberateness of delivery was for the benefit of the members of the tribunal, to three of whom English is not a native but an acquired language.

Sessions Being Held in the Ri Hergaal or Knights Hall.

The sessions are being held in the Ri Hergaal, or Knights hall, one of the public buildings in the Holland parliament group, an ancient pile, erected in 1250 or thereabouts and restored to a great extent about eight years ago. The hall in which the sessions are being held is on the third floor and is about 38 feet wide by 75 feet long. At the head of the hall, at a long table; with the light from two windows behind streaming in on them, so that those facing them can hardly distinguish one from the other, sit the members of the tribunal or court. On their right is the secretary-general of the tribunal of the court, and his assistant, while on the court left are the associate secretaries, one English, the other American.

Directly in front of the court is the table of the court stenographer, or reporters, for every word uttered is taken down and typewritten and then printed next day. In front of this again is another long table, running cross-wise of the room, as does the courts, the table for the leading counsel on both sides, the English being on the court's left and the Americans on the right. Again leading off from the ends of this table and running lengthwise down the hall on either side are two more tables for the use of other counsel and attaches, as in the case above, the English being on the left and the Americans on the right. To the rear of this, and taking up about half the hall, are seats for the spectators, and of these latter, at this session, there were about 30 at the morning opening, most of these being ladies of the English and American parties now at The Hague, connected with the case.

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ROCKPORT NOTES.

Old England Hake.

There is lots of sport at the present time in the bay, close in shore, catching Old England hake. Every evening a large number of boats, almost in speaking distance of the beach, can be seen from Main street busy pulling them in. Last night, there were a large number of boys in wading for them on the beach, the fish would come on top of the water and were struck on the head and easily caught and by the shouting plainly heard on Main street, the boys were having great fun.